



# The Ruskin Update

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## Ruskin Hosts Holocaust Memorial at State Capitol

Assemblymember Ira Ruskin (D – Redwood City) will host the California Assembly Memorial Holocaust Ceremony as part of Holocaust Remembrance Week on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. One hundred and twenty survivors and one hundred guests are expected to be in attendance to memorialize those who lost their lives and to tell the stories of those who survived.

Assemblymember Ruskin coordinated with Jewish agencies and synagogues to pair students with survivors. The students, during the time leading up to the ceremony, interviewed the survivors and wrote essays to describe the survivors' experiences during the Holocaust, giving the young people an opportunity to hear about this tragic time first hand. The stories were compiled into a booklet and will be distributed to all the members of the State Assembly. Survivors will also be invited to sit with Assemblymembers at their desks during the ceremony while students and other participants are invited to the gallery. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Frank Rothman, an 82-year-old survivor of four different concentration camps, including Auschwitz.

Assemblymember Ruskin would like to thank the following sponsors for their generosity towards the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony:

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Assemblymember Ruskin would also like to recognize his colleagues for their generosity towards the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony:

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**And a very special thank you to the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley.**

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